



Application No. 10/035,283

Mr. Leslie B. Brun:

I'm writing you this letter to explain how frustrating it was to apply for a patent.

I'm retired and could not afford a patent attorney, that was suggested many times by my examiner Mr. Tan Le. He made me feel like I had no business applying for a patent without a patent attorney. I may not have the knowledge of a patent attorney, and my explanation of this invention may not have been ~~written in the right legal terms, but it was very clear and precise of what the~~ invention was, and how it worked.

It seems like every time they reviewed my patent application, the first thing the examiner came to that was wrong, he stopped and sent me a notice explaining what the problem was. Instead of reviewing the complete patent application and explaining everything that was wrong.

Each time I returned a corrected application it took about six months for a reply that something was wrong.

The first notice was sent in February 2002, saying that the only problem was the line spacing was wrong. This happened several times with different problems with the specifications, and drawings.

The latest office action sent to me, is that the amendment to the claims fails to comply with the rules. It said that any change to an existing claim, by canceling or adding a new claim must be indicated in a parenthetical expression, and the text of "new" or "cancel" pending each claim. So instead of amending all of the specifications, I followed Mr. tan Le instructions, by sending a separate amendment sheet that cancelled the previous specifications BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION, BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS, DETAIL DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION, CLAIM OR CLAIMS and ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE, and replace them with a complete "new" set of specifications.

I have spent a lot of time changing the specifications and drawings, to the

best of my ability, and comply with all the rules, even though Mr. Le was sometimes hard to understand.

Mr. Braun please review the last application I sent on 4/19/04 and if it is not clear to you how my quilt rack works, and how it is made, I guess I have failed, and it is apparent that if you can not afford a patent attorney, that a clear statement of what the invention is, and how it works, is not good enough.

I will start making and selling my quilt racks without a patent, and thanks to your strict rules and regulations, that only a patent attorney can understand, probably some day some one who can afford a patent attorney, will profit from my invention.

Thank you

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